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Subject: RE: Department rebuttal at Passaic River Symposium?

Hi all, I guess until we work that out with EPA, you should probably just list it as "Agency Comments" or something. That we EPA and DEP, or one of use speaking for both of us, could do the talking. I just talked to Ray and are technical folks are gonna work out who is saying what...plus I did not clear this up the chain yet.

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Janine,

Ray Basso and Alice Yeh called me today.
They said they definitely want to rebut.
So I am putting them on the agenda.
You can work out with them who will actually
do the speaking, ok?

Regards,
Kirk

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Hi Kirk, I spoke to Irene Kropp about the issue and I am preparing for

discussion with Commissioner Martin. I will not know anything till at least Thursday. If you can wait till then it would be appreciated. Janine

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Hi Janine,

I'd like to broadcast the agenda for the Passaic River Symposium by mid next week.

So, I'd to talk with you about how/if the Department wishes to formally rebut the presentation from ToxStrategies. If so, I'll need to move some things around on the agenda, which may not be easy. If I don't hear from you by Tuesday, I'll assume no formal rebuttal.

I certainly understand and appreciate your concerns about inaccurate information being presented. That is why I have offered the chance to rebut. I trust you understand the Institute's need to maintain a forum for a spectrum of tenable contentions.

BTW, I went back and looked at the paper. It was published in "Science of the Total Environment" which is well regarded journal, published by Elsevier, which is a prestigious and reputable publisher of dozens of scientific journals. It was ranked in the Top 50 Environmental Sciences Journals by one study (see <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/istl/08-summer/article1.html>) and 98th out of 725 Environmental Sciences Journals in another system http://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php?category=0&area=2300&year=2008&country=&order=sjr&min=0&min_type=cd&page=1).

Given that the study has passed peer review in a reputable journal, I cannot dismiss it out of hand.

Regards,
Kirk

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